

Hopkins Township Planning Commission
Minutes Regular Meeting 4/23/2013

Planning Commission Members: Chair Lori Castello; Mark Forbes; Tadd Heft; Lee Murray;
Mike Timmer; Chuck Wamhoff; Fred Morley

Members Present: Tadd Heft; Mike Timmer; Chuck Wamhoff; Fred Morley

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:10 PM Meeting Adjourned at: 9:00 PM

Location: Hopkins Township Office

- + Commission attendance noted above.
- + Mark Evans, Township Supervisor and Zoning Administrator Kirk Scharphorn in attendance

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Home Occupation Ordinance: We have been dealing with this Ordinance for some time. This Commission drafted an ordinance to deal with the home occupation issue and sent it to the Township Board for their review and concurrence. The Board found adjustments that were needed and returned the ordinance for our further work.

Discussion included: What is on the Township website regarding this Ordinance; buildings and their use; number of employees; definitions need to be reviewed and expanded; the public noticing of this ordinance.

Planning Commission Work Load: Discussion included: To keep up with the many challenges we need to deal with, should we schedule more meetings rather than call special meetings in addition to the presently scheduled quarterly meetings? Should we consider hiring a planner, one specializing in agricultural issues? Our Master Plan needs review and updating where needed. Should we consider a Development Authority?

Gun Lake Tribal information: Tribal representatives attended a recent Township Board meeting and spoke on issues including: The status of their land when it is in trust; their vision for future Tribal land; their vision of their relationship with the Township.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Fred Morley, Secretary

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Minutes approved: